



Interview ▶ The leader of Terceravia analyzes the party's situation

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El Periòdic talks to Josep Pintat in his office, where he reflects calmly on the circumstances of Terceravia, the electoral landscape, the international context and his more personal and familiar face. The Andorran politician and economist who wins in short distances is calm and convinced that last Sunday's decision was the only one they could make after not having been able to draw up lists and that a generational change in their leadership took place. Despite everything, he trusts that the party will take the opportuni-

ty to restructure and redefine its strategy.

– On Sunday, your formation gave a surprise by saying that you were not running in the elections. Why did you make this decision?

–It was difficult for us to find the head of the list and present the national option. It was difficult or rather impossible and the same in the territorial ones. I want to thank everyone who supported us. After working until the last moment, we chose not to compete. It's not that we didn't look at it, it just wasn't possible. That was it, nothing else happened.

The pandemic has been a big

drain on everyone. When it returns comes the crisis with Russia caused by the war, another uproar. This whole conjuncture has punished us, and it is true that everyone collaborated, but the erosion has been there and is a reality.

–In the end, the decision was announced almost at midnight. What options were contemplated?

–We were clear that lists had to be formed and our project well defined. After the health crisis caused by the coronavirus came the war and we had to reposition the party's approaches. The last legislature has been very hard working

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with three councilors who have borne the brunt not only of covid but also of the delicate economic situation. The alternative was not to present ourselves, to restructure and redefine things.

– Before deciding not to run, did they consider making agreements or forming coalitions with other formations?

–I am clear that I will not make certain pacts. As for example, certain alliances of the electoral lists in different parishes are not understood when the government coalition parties have not gone together to the national elections.

– Do you think you had no chance of reaching the government? And to be in the opposition?

– Getting a majority was very difficult, but I think that depending on the parishes we could have entered. However, this idea was blurred because there were no people. Faced with this scenario, there was no need to force the situation as complicated moments are coming.

– Now their voters are orphaned. Where do you think they will go?

– Clarification of the panorama will be lacking to know where the voters will go. It seems that Andorra Endavant has fixed the problem they had on the list of Sant Julià de Lòria. But to know how everything will go we have to wait until the start of the campaign on March 19th. What I would like to highlight is the effort that has been made by all the formations to close the list; it is not easy and deserves respect.

– Do you think the party needs a change of head of the list?

– I offered the opportunity that if someone wanted to replace me I would do everything possible to make it so. It had been eight years and the situation has been complex. Going back another 4 years was cumbersome for me, but finally no one has taken a step forward.

– What will happen now with Tercevia?

– People want to consolidate the party's structure. Now there are elections, and at the end of the year we also have the communal ones, that's a lot of politics in one year. All change requires pause and serenity and that is what we will do. We want to restructure third way and move forward, this is our will.

– What is your opinion of the new parties that have appeared for these elections?

– I could not say what real possibilities they will have. I think that the environment is very complex now. Concordia goes out with young people, with different ideas and they have never been on



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the front line, I don't know how the citizens will receive it.

– What do you think about the possibility of a very fragmented parliament? Do you think it is positive for the country?

– In the last elections nobody got a majority, a majority was formed but it is not what Andorra wanted. That there is so much involvement in a democracy is good and that people want to step into politics is important. It doesn't seem bad to me.

– According to your point of view, will there be a lot of abstention?

– I want to believe that there won't be the abstention that there was in the municipals. I think maybe a change was wanted and it wasn't there. In the general elections, the turnout was 68% and I think that in the national elections there will be more people who will go to vote. Personally, I encourage all voters to go to the polls.

– Are you tired of politics? Or is it okay for you to leave those who say you have done a favor with your withdrawal?

– I have always been in politics and in life everything is politics. Some say and others deny. The elector must speak and will do so based on the proposals made by each formation.

– Josep Pintat and Xavier Esport have talked about this in private?

– We had always said that if the head of government asked us to meet, we would be there. I have a good relationship with Xavier Esport and all the people who have been on the Council. Politics is a people issue. I don't have a problem with anyone and I hope they don't have a problem with me either.

– What do you personally have on the horizon from now on?

– Now to return to my professional work, to business. And above all, to be with the family, which is missed. There is life beyond politics. This year I became a grandfather, and this has changed my life. Adding new members to the family is always positive. ≡

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